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After leaving the employ of the Governor Mr. Oliphant bought a farm near Molyneaux Corners, where he still resides. He is a man of many sided characteristics and the anecdotes told of him would suffice to fill a small sized volume. Mr. Oliphant possesses a rough, ready and persusave eloquence and he was frequently called to act as auctioneer, a position which he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to those who sought his services for such purposes.

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